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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1918

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## Orleans School Notes.

Editor-in-chief—Grace Anderson. Assistant Editors—Mildred Flanagan.

Evelyn Sherwood is back in school after an absence of two weeks. The 9th and 10th grades are having their oral book reports.

The pupils of the junior high room have begun to practice Christmas carols.

Stanley Beach and Harold Palmer are absent from school on account of whooping cough.

Veva Morgan has returned to school after an absence of two weeks.

Bessie Selleck has been absent a conservation program was held Friday afternoon at 2:30 in the prim-

ary room and "Living Food Slogans" were given by the pupils. The Camp Fire Girls held a ceremonial meeting Saturday night at the home of Grace Anderson. After the ceremonial and general business meeting they had a marshmallow roast and then went on a short hike.

## Tommy Entertains Visitors.

(Mildred Flanagan, 9th Grade.)

"Ma, ain't quite ready yet, but she will be down in a minute. I guess. Won't you sit down and wait for her?"

"Say, do you know Mr. Balfour? Well, he comes and takes his out for a ride every afternoon. That's why he ain't here now. He brings her lots of flowers and candy, but she never gives me any of it."

"What makes you look at that piano so much? Don't you think it's a nice one? Ma does, and I guess the man she bought it of does, too, because he came the other day and said if Ma didn't pay for it right away he would take it back again. Ma scolded Pa for not paying for it sooner and he said she shouldn't have bought such an expensive one but he had to pay for it when Ma got after him."

"Ma's got a new dress. She thinks it is awfully nice. I guess she must be putting it on now, because it takes an awful long time to get into it."

"Say, have you got a cook? Well, have you ever had soap gravy? We have had both. Cook put some dissolved soap into the gravy and thought it was flour. We didn't know it until we had it on our plates. My, but

it was an awful mess. What are you laughing at? "I hear Ma coming. Guess I'd better go play with Jack. I can't come up just now. Good bye."

West Otisco Farmers' Club. West Otisco Farmers' Club held the first all day meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Slayton Dec. 5 and enjoyed a chicken dinner, after which was election of officers. Miss Hazel Marey and pupils of Cooley school entertained the club with a fine program which was enjoyed by all.

Do you know what "The Light in the Clearing" means?

## HELP THE KIDNEYS

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## Council Proceedings

(OFFICIAL.) Council Chambers, Dec. 6, 1918.

Council called to order by Mayor Fales. Roll call. Present: Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy and Friedly—5. Absent: Ald. McCue—1.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That the council hereby approve and sanction the acts of the city clerk in calling special city election on December 17, 1918 and the registration for women as authorized by law. Said registration to be held December 6 and 7, 1918.

Moved by Ald. Shawley, seconded by Ald. Hollenbeck, that the foregoing resolution be adopted and approved as read. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy and Friedly—5. Nays—0.

City bills:

E. E. Fales, city draying ... \$ .50

Richardson Silk Co., supplies ... 7.50

Grand Rapids Oil Co., supplies ... 21.24

Spencer Light Co., rental ... 363.52

Belding-Hall Co., supplies ... 2.20

E. E. Fales, freight ... 1.4

Wortley & French, supplies ... 1.55

B. C. Curtis, spreading tax and making tax roll ... 75.00

B. C. Curtis, spreading tax and making tax roll ... 70.00

B. C. Curtis, labor for city poor ... 4.00

W. H. Kennedy, nightwatch ... 2.50

F. W. Arnold, labor and supplies ... 40.75

Bessie Nicholai, stenographic work ... 15.00

Norma O'Dell, stenographic work ... 7.50

Marjorie Carpenter, stenographic work ... 7.94

Doubleday Bros. & Co., supplies ... 4.87

Gleaner Clearing House Assn., coal and wood (emergency hospital) ... 7.20

Emergency hospital, supplies, milk ... 1.32

Wilson & Co. wood for city election ... 1.40

Ernest Shawley, labor ... 7.50

Citizens Tele. Co., tolls ... 2.45

J. P. Pressley, janitor work ... 15.00

Banner Pub. Co., notices, etc. ... 14.63

Glendon A. Richardson Co., repairs city hall roof ... 16.11

I. L. Hubbell, expenses to Lansing, telephone hearing ... 7.44

Murray & Co., repair work ... 2.65

E. S. Chase, labor and material ... 1.45

Belding Lumber Co., material for bridge, etc. ... 19.84

Wise & Cobb, material and labor ... 1.35

Standard Oil Co., gasoline ... 11.90

Jack Simons, labor ... 4.00

William Carter, labor ... 34.20

Al. Weir, labor ... 36.00

Steve Bostwick, labor ... 3.00

Joe Tower, labor ... 23.10

G. W. McLean, flushing streets ... 4.00

Library bills, water rent ... 3.65

Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. Shawley, that the city bills be allowed and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy and Friedly—5. Nays—0.

Water Works bills:

E. C. Lloyd, pipe bought from school board ... \$ 15.75

H. Mueller Mfg. Co., plumbing supplies ... 22.07

Wortley & French, supplies ... 6.84

Adams Express Co., express ... 3.81

Wise & Cobb, supplies ... 6.40

Belding Coal & Ice Co., unloading coal ... 21.60

Spencer Light Co., lights ... 13.09

Standard Oil Co., gasoline ... 13.09

Crane & Co., supplies ... 8.01

Venture Meter Co., fittings ... 17.50

Will Kennedy, labor ... 8.75

Belding Basket Co., material ... 6.34

Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. Shawley, that the water works bills be allowed and the clerk authorized to draw orders for same. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy and Friedly—5. Nays—0.

Moved by Ald. Friedly, seconded by Ald. Purdy, that the common council do now adjourn. Motion prevailed. Yeas—Ald. Arnold, Shawley, Hollenbeck, Purdy and Friedly—5. Nays—0.

F. E. Conant, Clerk.

## Musical Topics

Edited by Mrs. K. L. Skahen

### Musin on German Music.

In a communication to the New York Herald, the noted Belgian violinist and teacher, Ovide Musin, writes as follows:

The recent editorial in the Herald headed "Teutons Losing in the Arts" which says "another Teutonic myth passes," etc., should awaken every American to increased perception of the workings of the Prussian propaganda.

Another myth which must pass before Americans have their rights in that fetish of so-called German music.

There were great musicians who happened to have been born in Germany, just as there were and are other great musicians who happened to be born in other countries, but there is no such thing as German music.

If Bach, Beethoven, Wagner and the rest were alive today they would be the first to deny that the German nation had anything to do with it.

Frederick the Great said he "would rather hear a horse laugh than to hear a German trying to be a prima donna."

A Word to Parents. Many parents when asked why one or the other of their children is not being given the opportunity of studying music, answer that the child has no talent.

Some children have more talent than others but it is an exceedingly rare case when a child is utterly devoid of a feeling for music. Small talents ought to be encouraged and cultivated and every child ought to have the opportunity of learning music.

Not even experienced teachers can infallibly judge whether a child has talent or not. How much less ought an inexperienced person sit in judgment. Every child is given the opportunity to read and write, even though many of them never become learned. The

same privilege ought to be accorded in music.

Then again, it is very important to remember that a child does not always display its talents in the very beginning. Many a good player, or singer, develops only when he, or she, grows a little older. But, by beginning early the child learns to appreciate music and to experience some of its refining influences.

These advantages are never entirely lost and have their good effect on the development of the child's character.

The time is rapidly approaching when every American man and woman will regard his, or her, education in complete which does not include at least an understanding of music and an ability, more or less developed, of producing it for himself, or herself.

And parents must bear in mind that their children will be tomorrow's men and women.

There are many people who think music is a luxury. General Pershing is decidedly not one of them. He, like many more students of the psychology of nations, appreciates the absolute need of music—and in war time more than any other.

According to Major General Leonard Wood, as a tonic for fatigue and depression, music has no competitor in army life. "It is just as essential as food for soldiers to know how to sing as it is for them to carry rifles and learn how to shoot them."

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No. 40. LEST THE COUNTRY ROAD PERISH  
By William Edwin Williams

There are still American rural communities in which the corrupting influence of the city is proverbial, and where, when a youth begins to turn his eyes toward, mother shakes her head sadly and father leads the young man to the wood lot for counsel in privacy.

Whatever the city may be doing to the moral fibre of the country youth, there can be no doubt that it is ruining the country road. For the road that goes to town is putting on city airs and losing that bucolic simplicity which made it a wholesome lure to the pava-weary denizen of town.

It is unfortunate that most of our highway engineers are either city bred or city trained. The blighting effect of their ideas upon country roads is something more than a subject for sentimental reflection; it challenges serious thought and decisive action. For they are conventionalizing the country road, they are making of it a thing of stiff borders and deadly monotony, a highway paved and guttered just so, with scores of bridges all alike, shaded by trees just so far apart—evening dressed, high hated and monotonous thoroughfares.

For all the inspiration one may derive from a drive along a road of the prevalent type one might as well save one's horseflesh or gasoline and do a few miles on the nearest parkway. All that lent charm to a country road has been eliminated by the ambitious engineer who keeps in mind the work of his confrere who turned out the perfectly tailored driveway of the metropolis.

There are only two or three types of parkways but once there were as many kinds of country roads as there were rural regions. Every little nook and corner of our infinitely varied land had its own types to offer, and most of them were charming.

They differed one from another as much as the average men do before they put on.

Many are the ways of accomplishing the desired result. Rather, there are many ways of refraining from spoiling the natural beauty of a road.

Let us have done with bee-line roads. Enough of the purely starched and ironed highway! They are justified only in places where

heavy traffic makes it imperative to find the shortest distance between two points. But when a highway is cut through a hill, leaving a raw gap, where all the alluring curves are stretched out, where neither road nor border varies mile after mile, the real joy of the highway is gone. As well travel just so many miles around a roof ledge bordered with potted evergreens.

Worthy sirs, you who design our "improved" highways, take the mud, but leave us those sense-wooling allurements of the road which take an ache out of our eyes and another out of our hearts. If a curve be too sharp, straighten it just a little, very gently, when you put in your macadam, or what you wish. Let us have adequate drainage but, if you please, let us not painfully gutter our road until it gives us a weary impression of leagues on leagues of unyielding starched collar and cuff.

And if you will be so kind, do not plant too many trees of one kind in straight rows along either side. Spare some of those picturesque corpses and an occasional tangle of vines and give us fewer trees if you must.

If you would please us particularly, spare those flowering shrubs and wild fruit trees, which gladden the eye and the nostril when May is abroad in the land. Mingle with these a few of the cultivated varieties; let us have both flower and fruit by the way. Remember that, after all, joy is the first prerequisite to utility and that a glimpse or a fleeting scent of allurement is worth hours of preachment upon the advantages of any work of your hands.

Above all things, do not conventionalize your culverts and bridges. Good sirs, I have ridden over your roads and cursed you for apostles of monotony after I had counted 20 culverts as much alike as peas in a pod; nay, more alike, for occasionally a pea is lop-sided while your culverts were cast in one accurate mold.

The head, the front, and the very conclusion of the whole matter is this: Country roads are being ruined by the process of conventionalization, of citification, if you please. Before it is too late, builders of roads should take thought as to what they do.

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## ORLEANS METHODIST CHURCH

R. V. Birdall, Pastor. The pastor conducted the funeral of Edward Trowbridge, north of Orleans, Friday afternoon; burial in Belding cemetery.

We are sorry to record the illness of Mrs. C. F. Ehlers at Dildine. Christmas is being discussed by the Sunday schools.

An interesting missionary program was enjoyed at Easton Sunday school Sunday in charge of the missionary superintendent, Mrs. Rathbun.

The Dexter Aid society decided at its meeting last week at Burr Stowell's to investigate and purchase an individual communion set for Easton church. This is the system in vogue in both our other churches and Easton wants to be strictly up-to-date.

The duplex envelope system is coming along nicely in Easton church. Where the people will work this it is the ideal financial system and our people are coming to see the wisdom of it.

The flu is on the decrease in Orleans and we shall look for every member to rally around the services of the church again.

There is no objection to letting the Germans have as much food as they gave our prisoners.

## Energy

THE WORK OF THE KIDNEYS is to filter and cast out waste products and poisons from the blood stream. When the kidneys are overworked, weak or diseased, the waste matter remains in the system and causes pain in side or back, rheumatism, lambo, stiffness of joints, sore muscles and other symptoms.

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